

# WILLIS QUIZZED IN DEATH OF CORNELL

## Stand Firm, Jewell Tells Strikers

Scenes In Herndon  
Mystery Death  
Home of Supposedly  
Slain Man and Spot  
Where He Was Found.

## POLICE DOUBT ACCIDENT IN JOHNSON SHOOTING

### PEGGY TOLD 2 TALES OF ACCIDENT

Authorities Puzzled by Diversity of Stories in Assault on Dancer's Husband.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Because of the conflicting stories told of the shooting of Albert L. ("Buddy") Johnson, husband of Peggy March, New York dancer, Sergeant F. A. Boyce, son of the commander of the State Police, declares he will make a detailed investigation of the affair.

Johnson was shot through the abdomen last Thursday night while a guest at Jack Clifford's summer camp on Lake Chateaugay and is still in a critical condition at the Champlain Valley Hospital here.

According to Sergeant Boyce, there have been so many discrepancies in the statements of Mrs. Johnson, Jack Clifford, and others in touch with the situation that he is not at the moment certain that Johnson's injury was wholly accidental.

District Attorney Harold A. Jerry did not remain in Plattsburgh yesterday for a scheduled conference with Sergeant Boyce. When Boyce failed to appear, Jerry cranked up his motor car and announced he was off for an afternoon of golf.

Sergeant Boyce said: "Amazing conflicts in the testimony of Johnson and his wife developed yesterday which caused me to be far from satisfied. In the first place, Johnson declared that he shot himself with Jack Clifford's gun and his wife also said the same, but Clifford is now positive that the man was shot with his own revolver.

### Refused To Shave Nonunion Men; Arrested

LYNCHBURG, Va., Sept. 5.—Attachment has been issued from the United States District Court here for the arrest of L. A. Talferro, under charge of conspiring with strikers at Clifton Forge by posting a notice in his barber shop in that city which reads: "Scabs not served here." The acting deputy marshal had orders to take the accused to the nearest commissioner to arrange bail, the attachment being returnable for trial September 18.

### DAUNTLESS TOM UNLIMBERS OL' BLUNDERBUS

One Wounded, Glass Shattered, and Hyattsville Firemen Called as Result.

While a crowd of 300 or more startled citizens looked on, Constable Tom Garrison, of Hyattsville, and J. C. Hawkins, proprietor of an electrical appliances shop in Maryland avenue, Hyattsville, fought a duel in the fading moonlight at an early hour this morning.

So fast and furious did the lead fly that Preston Wright, a young Hyattsvillian, stepped in the road of Hawkins' shotgun and received several buckshot in his arm.

With "Tawn," who is widely known as the "lion-hearted movie sheriff of Prince Georges county," pumping bullets from his trusty "forty-five" into the Hawkins shop, and Hawkins blazing away with a double-barreled shotgun, the two would have delighted the heart of William S. Hart.

### MINERS IN STRIKERS TRAP MAY STILL LIVE HOLD FIRM

Underground Blasts Believed by Wives to Be Signals From Men.

By International News Service. JACKSON, Cal., Sept. 5.—The first ray of hope coming to the strikers was the fact that the forty-six fire-trapped miners in the famous Argonaut gold mine here today were rumors to the effect that the imprisoned miners had signalled by means of blasts.

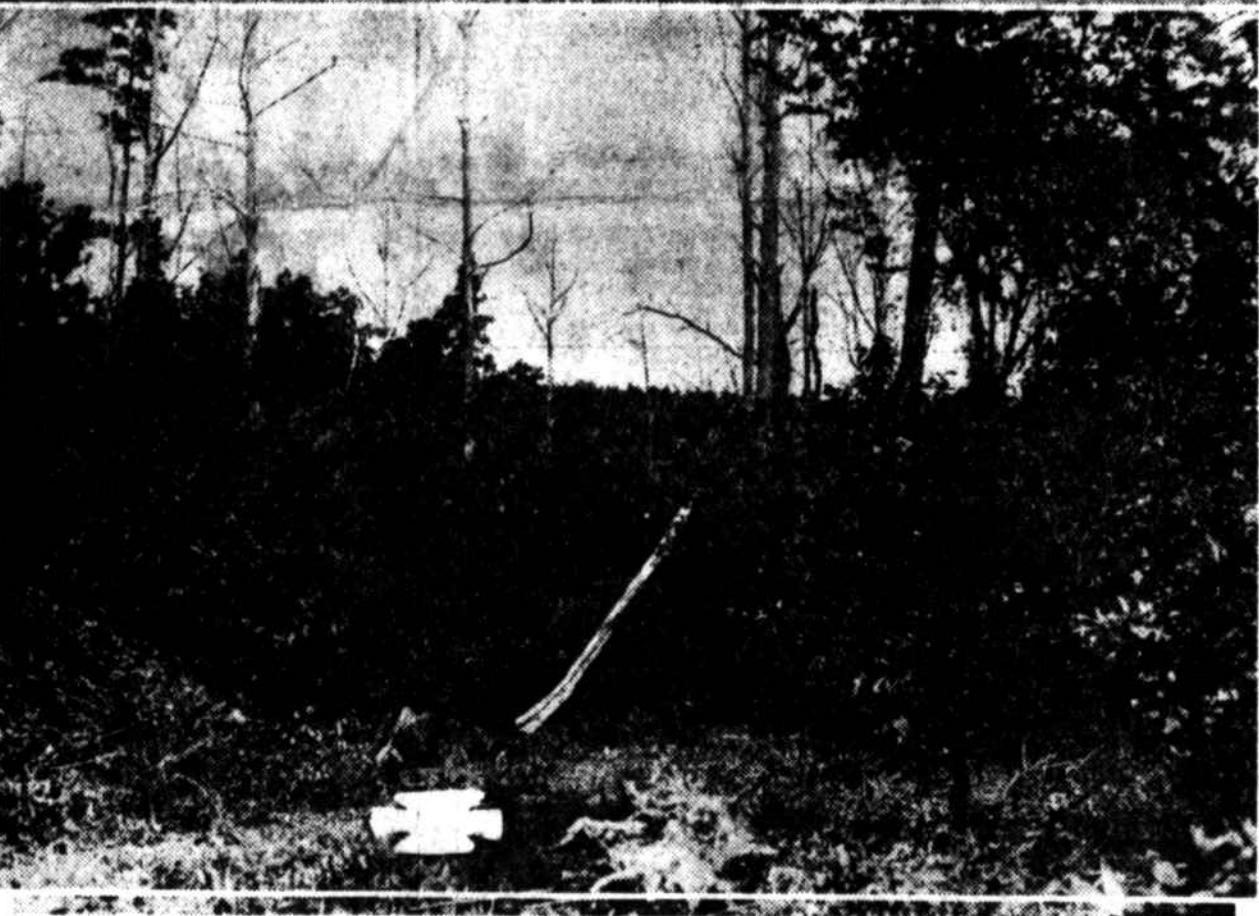
Mine officials and mining experts, however, declined to confirm the blasts as coming from the trapped men in the depths of the fireswept mine and attributed the muffled sounds to the falling of rocks.

Entombed Men Number 46. The number of men entombed was officially stated as being forty-six. One miner, who had been working in the Argonaut shortly before the fire was discovered, was found to be working at the Kennedy mine yesterday.

On the 300-foot level of the Kennedy mine, where rescuers are also laboring, signal blasts are being set off in the hope that they may be heard by the entombed men, the purpose being to encourage them, if they are alive, and renew hope for their release from their terrible predicament.

In the hope of drilling through to the 400-foot level, the Argonaut, where the miners are believed to be imprisoned, rescue crews are working from the 300-foot level of the Kennedy. Two hundred and fifty feet of the tunnel and 141 feet of quartz remains to be overcome before rescuers can reach the unfortunate men.

DEBTS CANCELLATION. FATAL, WARNS MAGNATE. LONDON, Sept. 5.—"Cancellation of international debts would be tantamount to provoking a new war," Sir Charles Macara, multi-millionaire financier and industrial magnate, declared today.



Upper—Home of Harvey Cornell, the Fairfax county teamster whose death, resulting from gashes in his abdomen made by a razor, is mystifying the police.  
Lower—Cross marks spot where Cornell's body was found.

### LEAGUE CONSIDERS ALLIED POLICE TO RULE AUSTRIA

GENEVA, Sept. 5.—International problems gave way to politics and electioneering today as the League of Nations assembly prepared to elect six vice presidents.

Chancellor Seipel, of Austria, is seeking allied assistance and is to seek moral support of the league in getting a \$60,000,000 loan for Austria.

### HARDING IS ASSURED MINERS WILL RESUME

President Harding was assured today by Senator Reed (Rep.) of Pennsylvania that the agreement reached in Philadelphia to settle the anthracite strike would be ratified tomorrow by the miners and that production would be resumed on a "very big scale" by the end of the week.

### GERMAN PATENT SUIT DELAYED BY EXHIBITS

The Government's suit in equity to recover former German-owned dye patents from the Chemical Foundation, of which Francis P. Garvan, former alien property custodian, is president, may not be filed until late this week, it was said at the Department of Justice today.

## MARRIED WOMEN TEMPTED MOST, SAYS ACCUSED WIFE

By BENSON PRATT.  
Cosmopolitan News Service.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 5.—It's a story as old as the hills and yet as new as tomorrow's dawn, this story of woman's trust and man's love grown cold.

And while the half-frightened little wife in a pathetic, incoherent sort of a way spoke only in bitter philosophic generalities, yet underneath it all and between the lines it was part of the real story of Mrs. Augustus Tiernan and debonaire Harry Poulin, haberdasher's agent.

Mrs. Tiernan's Views. For the first time since there came the public revelation of the eternal triangle that has stirred university and social circles in this quiet Indiana city, Mrs. Tiernan, wife of a talented professor at Notre Dame, has consented to an interview.

### BRIDGE NEAR FROSTBURG DYNAMITED BY STRIKERS

FROSTBURG, Md., Sept. 5.—A fourteen-foot bridge on the Jerome branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, leading from the Somerset and Cambria branch to the mine of the Davis Coal and Coke Company at Jerome was blown up with dynamite placed under both abutments.

### TEXAS PRIEST WHIPPED BY TEN MASKED MEN

FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 5.—The Rev. Joseph Meiser, parish priest at Olin, Russell county, was taken from his parish house Sunday night by ten masked men and flogged.

## SKILLMAN ARRESTED DENIES HE IS GUILTY

Professes No Knowledge of  
Alleged Slaying—Holds  
for Seduction

Emphatically denying he had anything to do with the death of Harvey Cornell, who was found mutilated body was found Sunday night in a dense thicket of brush near the Cornell home in Herndon, Willard Skillman, 35 years old, of Herndon, was arrested for two hours Sunday at Fairfax county authorities.

"I was not near the Cornell home and I have never seen Cornell," Skillman cried. "I have never seen there for over three years and I could not kill Mr. Cornell."

Skillman was arrested at Herndon, where he had been for several days ago, and taken to the police station. A technical charge of "seduction" was preferred against the man.

Quarrel Is Alleged. The seduction charge is said to have grown out of the intimate relationship between Skillman and Nellie Cornell, the dead man's pretty seventeen year old daughter.

Cornell and Skillman are said to have quarrelled on several occasions when the father told the youth he was tired of hearing the boys in town talking about you and my daughter.

Cornell feared for his life and sought protection from Fairfax county authorities two days before his death.

"For God's sake get the sheriff to come down here," Cornell told Pete Dove, storekeeper at Navy, Va., on Thursday. "These men have threatened to kill me and I know they will."

Dove put in a hurry call for the sheriff, and Virgil Williams, deputy sheriff, responded.

Told of Threats. "Cornell told me these men were walking about his place with shotguns and that they were going to kill him," said Williams today. "I looked over his farm but saw no one. There was nothing I could do. I told Cornell that if he found out who the men were to come down to the courthouse and swear out warrants against them. I promised him that I would get them if he'd do that."

Cornell told Sheriff Williams he would be down to get the warrants Saturday morning. It was on Saturday morning, according to Coroner W. I. Robey, that Cornell died. The man's body, dismembered and horribly slashed, was found in a clump of bushes three hundred yards from his home.